

Appl. No. 10/666,392
Amdt. dated May 12, 2005
Reply to Office action of April 7, 2005

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

PROPAGATION

'RT3' was asexually propagated at my direction in the summer, 2001. Propagation took place at my nursery in Bishop, Georgia from a cutting taken from a Willow Oak tree. The propagation and its resulting progeny have proven that my new variety has characteristics which are firmly fixed. Further, there observations have confirmed my new variety represents a new and improved variety of Willow Oak tree, as particularly evidenced by a narrow, upright, densely branched habit with a centered leader which can be readily propagated asexually.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 3 with the following rewritten paragraph:

Fruit: An acorn, typical of the species; ovate, $\frac{1}{4}$ " – $\frac{1}{2}$ " long and wide. The nut is covered only at the base by a short-stalked hemispherical-shaped cap. The fruit has a gray-brown (RHS 199A) hemispherical shaped involucral cap and a gray-orange (RHS 165A) acorn striated with dark brown lines (RHS 200A). Similar to the species in all ways, except observed on the parent to be slightly smaller (about 25% smaller) than that generally of the species. None of the progeny have yet produced fruit, so it is uncertain whether their trait is inheritable or affected by the parent tree's current growing conditions.